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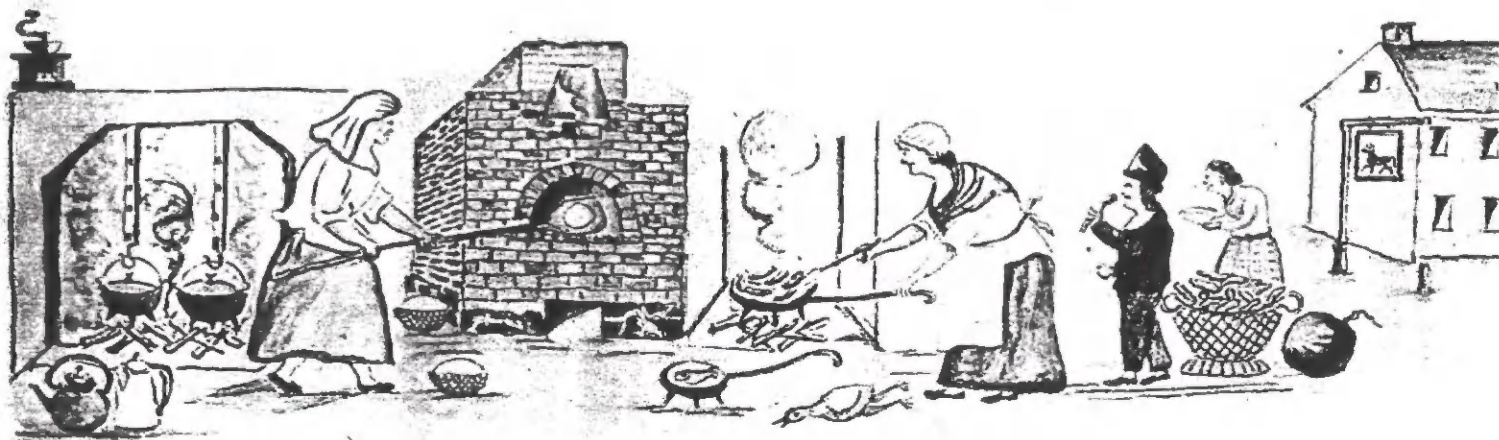
Thursday, Aug 26
6:00 PM
1200 West, off No. Temple

AUGUST

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NUTS Picnic

Bring your own meat
to cook on the grill, also
a potluck dish to share.



President's

Message

Get ready to eat and have fun, bring your finds for the month. We need a few good jokes to be told, or bring horseshoes, or tell some cowboy poetry. We will give the best story teller, joke teller, or poetry speaker (or rhymers) a silver medal. One for each, or win all three.

Does any club member remember this coin disk? Maybe Phil can fill us in on this 27-year-old token

Karen and I had fun finding more goodies at old coal mine camps, but you should have heard her yell when she found a little cast iron choo-choo.

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NUTS Picnic Aug 26, 2004 6:00 pm

At the Train Station, 1200 West, North Temple
(next to a set of big relay antennas)

Bring a potluck dish to share with everyone. Also bring your favorite cut of meat, and cook it for yourself on the grill, which will be hot. If you're a vegetarian, forget the dead animal, just bring a potluck dish. The NUTS Club will provide an assortment of sodas, but you might want to bring your own plates and utensils. Drinking water is available on site. We will be able to eat in the rail cars, and if we are lucky, Phil will have a locomotive warmed up so we can ride up and down the rails for a mile or two.

Bring your detector The area around this train station was once the Whites Ball Park. There's no telling what might pop up.

Bring your Finds of the Month The winner of each category gets a silver dime. The Treasure Hunter of the Month gets a silver quarter.

Promptness Prize Those who come on time and sign the log book, might win the drawing for a nice coin. You won't be late until after 7:00

Raffle Drawing Try for your favorite prize, and have fun.

Find of the Month Winners For July

—US COIN
—1959-D Dime
—Paul Sain

FOREIGN COIN
—Australia 1921, 1/2 Penny
—Leo Vera

TOKEN
—Utah tax tokens (Tie)
—Paul Sain
—Leo Vera

JEWELRY
—Pocket Watch
—Paul Sain

ARTIFACT
—1920's Australian commonwealth Military Forces Brooch
—Leo Vera

BUTTON
—Union Pacific Button
—Leo Vera

NON-METAL
—Mickey Mouse Figurine
—Leo Vera

BOTTLE
—Small green Bottle
—Karen Secor

MARBLE (Tie)
—Blue & Yellow Marble
—Leo Vera
—Golden Brown Marble
—Rich Secor
—Large White Clay
—Karen Secor

OLDEST US CENT
—1916 Lincoln Cent
—Leo Vera

OLDEST US COIN
—1923 Buffalo Nickel
—Leo Vera

Last Meeting

Twenty five people attended the July meeting

Chuck Larson, who wrote the book, Numismatic Forgery, told us about Mark Hoffman's method of creating valuable rare coins.

Up Coming Events

Aug 26

NUTS Picnic

Bring a pot luck dish
to the train station
1200 West, off No. Temple
6:00 p.m.

Saturday September 18

Utah Antique Bottle & Collectibles Show and Sale

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Redwood Multipurpose Center
3100 South Redwood Road
Salt Lake City, Utah

Sept 23

NUTS Meeting

Redwood Multipurpose Center
7:00 p.m.

Chuck & Eileen Little
From the Regency Mint
Will tell about how
our NUTS medals are minted

UTAH ANTIQUE BOTTLE & COLLECTIBLES SHOW AND SALE

Saturday
September 18
9:00AM to 1:00 PM
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From the Editor

The next two pages are the conclusion of a history of Corrine (See the July Token Hunter for the first two pages.) When Rich and I are in Corrine, we often talk to people about where the oldest dumps would be, or where was the dock for the steam ship that came in from the Great Salt Lake. People kept telling us we needed to talk to Marian Danielson. Finally one day we knocked on her door. We talked to her for a good half hour. For many years, she worked in the Boxelder County Recorder's Office. She has early pictures of Corrine hanging in her living room. She straightened us out about where things were located in old Corrine, and gave us a copy of the history she had written.

As you can tell by the wide variety of businesses, the Corinne people as well as those from the neighboring towns found Corinne to be a prosperous transportation and commercial center for northern Utah.

Probably the most frequently asked question is: "Where were the 100 saloons located?" The main business district was on Montana Street from 2nd to 5th Streets. This consisted of four city blocks in which all of the business houses were located with a few on Colorado and South Front Streets and mostly blacksmith, livery and wagon shops north of the railroad tracks. There just wasn't room for 100 saloons.

With the completion of the railroad, the possibilities of transportation caught the enthusiasm of the more enterprising citizens and they could see no reason why water transport on the great inland sea would not be feasible. In January of 1871, a steamboat company was organized. A steamboat landing, wharf and warehouse were built from the main line of the railroad a short distance east of town. The new boat was 130 feet long with three decks and capable of holding 300 tons. It resembled the Mississippi-river type boats with a huge paddle wheel installed in the stern to push it through the briny water. A kitchen, diningroom, ten staterooms, saloons--each for ladies and gentlemen and could accommodate 150 passengers. It was named the "CITY OF CORINNE" and made tri-weekly trips to Lake Point on the south side of the Great Salt Lake. It was sold in 1875 and renamed the "GARFIELD" after presidential candidate, James A. Garfield. In 1881 it was anchored at Black Rock and used as a hotel and restaurant for the sunbathers. A fire destroyed the pier and boat a few years later.

Freighting dominated the economy of the community from 1869 to 1878 and it followed a regular pattern. Merchants journeyed to Montana and Idaho taking orders and placing them with the eastern markets. Come February and the railroad started to bring the merchandise to the warehouses, calls for freighters were published and soon the men, some with teams and wagons, started to drift into town. By late March the Utah-recruited teams were on their way northward and met south-bound freighters who had wintered in Montana.

Divorce lawyers were not as greedy in the 1880's as they are today. You could even get unhitched by slot machine. "Divorces secured--Presence unnecessary--fee \$2.50." The suing party simply inserted a \$2.50 gold piece in the slot of the contraption, gave the crank a turn and presto, in hand was a beautifully prepared divorce decree signed by the Corinne City judge. When the names of both parties were filled in the blank spaces the document was legal. It was a grand idea for awhile--but it seems that as slot-machine divorcees tried to remarry, some found their divorces illegal and those who had married again found themselves living in bigamy.

Corinne was a pretty law-abiding town compared to other towns. The newspapers mentioned several times that the jail was actually empty! Most of the crimes were for drunkenness, assault and battery, stealing or just plain fights among men. There were only four murders from 1869 to 1875.

The variety of social organizations in Corinne is indicative of the type of people making up the community. Corinne, being a Gentile community and because of its location, had a variety of organizations to supply the recreational and social needs of the people.

Within six months after Corinne's official founding, sentiment favoring the establishment of a theatre manifested itself. Repeated reminders of the need for a social building were issued. The Corinne Opera House was finally completed and dedicated on July 4, 1870. It was 90 feet by 36 feet with 18 foot ceilings. It was the center of much of the activities of the community. It was host to various theatrical and lecture groups,

as well as dances and roller skating. It was sold to the city in 1872 for a schoolhouse until a new schoolhouse was built in 1891. This was the first free public school in Utah. It was then resold, a new spring dance floor installed and it became a ballroom and entertainment center again. The LDS Church purchased it in 1913, remodeled it and used it as a meetinghouse until 1943. It was torn down in 1953 after the completion of a new LDS ward recreation hall.

Baseball and billiards were popular pastimes for the men and Corinne won the territorial baseball championship in 1870 and 1871. Clubs and lodges were organized, bathing in the Great Salt Lake (about 5½ miles from town), a race horse track and ice skating on the slough also met the social needs of the community.

Religion was not neglected and three church buildings were erected; Episcopal, Methodist and Presbyterian. There was also a newspaper printed in the city from 1869 to 1905.

A water well was sunk on Montana Street in 1869, but it was not sufficient for the town's needs. In the fall of 1870 Hiram House erected a reservoir north of town and pumped water from the Bear River into it and then run pipes throughout the town. In 1891 Corinne City purchased the system from him and this served the town until 1916 when a spring was developed above Harper and pipes were run to the city. This sweet tasting water didn't come any too soon as the Bear River was slowly becoming contaminated for drinking purposes.

Electricity came to Corinne in 1915, natural gas in 1963 and a sewer system in 1970.

It is difficult to say why a city will not live up to the expectations of its founders. During the first eighteen months of its existence it was transformed from a construction camp of the Union Pacific into a bustling, lively freighting center with high hopes.

Corinne's decline began in 1871 when the LDS church started building the narrow-gauge Utah Northern Railroad northward from Ogden. In 1874 the railroad reached Franklin, Idaho which made freighting from Montana a lot less time and trouble than going to Corinne. As building after building was deserted, it was obvious that the town was dying. In 1877 when she was about dead, the surrounding farmers began moving in to claim the remains. In 1904 the Southern Pacific Railroad built a threstle across the Great Salt Lake, making a straight level route from Ogden to Lucin and eliminating the tortuous mountain route through Corinne and Promontory. As a result, all railroad activities ceased and more people left town. Apparently there was enough charm left to the old town, for many surrounding people moved in and bought up property and buildings for very low prices.

Corinne had a lot of "firsts". The first U.S. Weather Station established in 1870, the first non-Mormon church in Utah, the first water system, the first drainage system, the first exports of ore products to the outside world, the first public school and the first and only divorce vending machine.

Corinne, as the "Gateway to Montana," played a unique part not only in the history of Utah but also in the history of Idaho and Montana. It is the narrative of a community that grew up "apart" from sister settlements. Its glory was short lived, but it left in its wake a wealth of tradition and legend that still lives on and arouses a secret pride in the hearts of its natives.

Today, Corinne is a quiet, but busy community. It has a population of around 1200 in the greater Corinne area and 650 in Corinne City.

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